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HIS MAJESTY, who always was the Father of his People, and, like a tender Parent, cannot hear them murmur for Bread, without relieving their Wants, earnestly recommends their Distress to both Houses of Parliament, and desires they may have Corn to make them Bread in Plenty, and on reasonable Terms: It does not admit of a Doubt, that every Member of the Honourable Houses, received the Royal Mandate with Pleasure, and cheerfully lent his Aid to bring about so salutary an End; Part of which they have already effected, by the allowing a general Importation, and prohibiting the use of Wheat in making Spirits. Why hesitate about the Accomplishment of the Whole, when it is no more, than preventing the Making Spirits from any Grain at all for the present; let this be immediately done, Plenty soon will follow, and on reasonable Terms; on such, that our poorest Brethren may be enabled to fill their own and Family's Hungry Bellies; then will his MAJESTY's Intentions be happily accomplished.—Be sure, let not that volatile Oil of Flattery be breathed into your Ears, from any Set of designing Men, who, from lucrative Principles to themselves, would willingly insinuate, that Part of the Corn of this Year is coarse, and unfit for any Service but theirs, and that they are confident, there is a Sufficiency for both Purposes, and perhaps may add their publick Utility to the Revenue. I say, listen not to their delusive Tale, it is only to serve their own Interest; but steadily persist in gratifying his MAJESTY's Request, and satisfying your own Consciences, that you have done that which is right. Why should the Peoples Bread be consumed (to their Destruction) in making Liquid Fire, the dreadful Bane of the lower Class of People of this Age. Oh, prevent it, for by giving them Bread they will Bless you; but if you give them Spirits, instead thereof, they will Curse you.

The high Price of Corn has been, and is one great Reason for the great Advance on our Manufactures in general; the poor Artificer, not having been able, at his common Stipend, to produce his Family a Sufficiency of Bread alone, therefore Necessity has obliged him to raise the Price of his Labour, which in Course has raised the Price of such manufactured Goods to such an exorbitant Degree, that our neighbouring Nations Under-sell us, and our Trade is quite at a Stand.